

ECOS RESOLUTION ON LONG-TERM STEWARDSHIP (LTS)- DRAFT-9/13/02

Whereas, there are thousands of cleanup sites in virtually every state in the United States that will have residual contamination remaining after cleanup actions occur, and

Whereas, addressing this residual contamination will remain as a Long-Term Stewardship (LTS) challenge for decades, or in some cases centuries, and

Whereas, state environmental agencies, along with local and tribal government entities will have lead responsibilities for managing many of these ongoing LTS activities, and

Whereas, ECOS has previously adopted two resolutions on Long-Term Stewardship (LTS) [# 01-4 and # 01-9] which lay a foundation for ECOS addressing LTS challenges at these sites, and

Whereas, ECOS Resolution # 01-9 charges the ECOS LTS Subcommittee with working with relevant federal agencies to “strive to achieve as much consensus as possible on the vision for and direction of LTS efforts in the U.S.”, and

Whereas, the ECOS LTS Subcommittee and representatives of the U.S. Departments of Defense, Energy, Interior and the Environmental Protection Agency have jointly developed the attached proposed Agreement on Long-Term Stewardship (LTS), and

Whereas, the Agreement includes a shared statement of a Vision, Principles, Definition and Site Components for Long-Term Stewardship that will help define national LTS approaches, and

Whereas, the Agreement constitutes a broad statement of guidance and direction for LTS efforts nationally, but does not attempt to legally bind any party, or individual state, to its specific terms at individual sites.

IT IS NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT:

1. ECOS hereby supports this Agreement with the relevant federal agencies.
2. ECOS authorizes the leadership of ECOS and the ECOS LTS Subcommittee to enter into this Agreement with the relevant parties and to distribute it as appropriate.

APPROVED THIS ____ day of October, 2002.